



**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**I. HEADING**

**Date:** December 22, 1998

**Subject:** Meadowlands Plating and Finishing Site  
East Rutherford, Bergen County, New Jersey

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**II. BACKGROUND**

<b>Site No.:</b>	L W
<b>Delivery Order No.:</b>	2101-02-033
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	N/A
<b>CERCLIS No.:</b>	N/A
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non-NPL
<b>Action Memo Status:</b>	Approved 11/19/98
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/8/98
<b>Demobilization Date:</b>	N/A
<b>Completion Date:</b>	N/A

### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Situation

##### 1. Site Description/ Information:

MPF, Inc. operated a metal electroplating and metal finishing facility for the tool and decorative automotive parts industry. Operations at the Site included pretreatment by acid and caustic dipping, finish stripping, vapor degreasing, and electroplating of chromium, copper, nickel and cadmium metals. Acids, metallic plating wastes and cyanide-bearing wastes were generated and treated in a small on-site facility. This resulted in tons of filter cake material being generated, some of which is still on the Site in various containers and inside equipment. MPF, Inc. leased the building and the plating equipment and ceased business operations at the Site in December 1997.

##### 2. Response Actions to Date:

- A. EPA and START performed a site investigation on 9/11/98 through 9/17/98. Access was granted to EPA by the Federal Bankruptcy Trustee on 11/18/98.
- B. Full mobilization to the Site occurred between 12/8-12/11/98.
- C. From 12/14-12/18/98 Site activities included setup, debris removal and establishing command post functions. Cyanide powders have been overpacked and restaged away from acids. Drums from trailer have been off-loaded and staged. Sump drain was located on site, possibly used for waste disposal. Contacted possible sources for returning surplus chemicals and gas cylinders.

##### 3. Current Situation:

Fencing around exterior of building as well as around interior vats has been secured. Drums from trailer have been restaged in order to create more floor space. Heat has been restored in office area of building. Exterior of building has been policed and lighting has been restored. Site has been secured, and demobilization for the holidays took place 12/22/98. Site security will be maintained on a 24 hour basis.

##### 4. Next Steps:

Continue to clean warehouse area of debris and dirt. Drums and vats will

be sampled, and hazcated. Once hazcating has been completed, disposal will be coordinated. Prepare sampling and bulking plans; prepare cost/benefit analysis for on-site treatment of liquid waste streams.

5. Key Issues:

Removal of cyanide compounds, heating warehouse area to prevent damage to water pipes, PRP search activities.

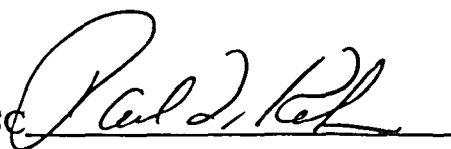
#### IV. COST INFORMATION

	Current Ceiling	Current Action Cost	Current Amount Remaining
ERCS Contractor	\$500,000	\$87,475.95	\$412,524.05
START	\$40,000	\$4,277	\$35,723
USCG	\$130,000	-	-
EPA	\$65,000	-	-

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for recovery.

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